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## TESTIMONY BEGINS IN HARDMAN CASE

Jury Selected From Fayette and  
Evidence Is Being Heard  
In Renaker Murder

(By Associated Press)

Winchester, Ky., Dec. 12—County Attorney Moore in opening the case for the prosecution in the trial of Scobee Hardman, charged with the murder of Leon Renaker, today asserted the murder was cold blooded, done for gain and that the question of who committed the murder will be answered by the commonwealth by circumstantial evidence, "for the midnight assassin was not seen," he said.

He sketched the scene when Mrs. Renaker rushed out of the home which she had just entered after her return from Cincinnati, and notified passersby that Renaker was dead.

He pointed out certain alleged discrepancies in Hardman's story of his whereabouts about the time the murder was committed. "We will show for a motive," he said, "that Renaker had over \$50,000 life insurance, that he was seen frequently with Mrs. Renaker, that the murderer had the way prepared for him. Our evidence is circumstantial, but every link is in the chain."

Judge Muir for the defense indicated Renaker was slain for the purpose of robbery and when his pocket book was examined at least two \$50 bills were missing. He asserted the Renakers were happily married, had made wills in favor of each other and asserted "we will prove the highest and closest love between Renaker and his wife."

"The defense will prove," said Judge Hays, "that Renaker was followed home on the night he was probably slain. He went to his store with a heavy set man and that he later was followed home by two men, neither of them identified."

He declared there are many discrepancies in the state's case relative to the whereabouts of both Hardman and Reese Fox on the night of the killing and asserted Mrs. Renaker is guiltless because she was in Cincinnati on that night. Mrs. Renaker wept at this point.

Matt Bean was the first witness for the prosecution. He is the coroner and held the inquest. He described the position of Renaker's body and said Renaker was killed by a blow. He saw blood on the window curtain and in his opinion he had been dead 24 hours.

An earlier story

Winchester, Ky., Dec. 12—The 12 Lexington and Fayette county men selected as jurors in the Hardman trial here late Monday were:

J. A. Coyle, farmer, 312 Ashland avenue, foreman.

W. H. Giltner, clerk, 198 North Ashland avenue.

E. F. Elkin, farmer, Harrodsburg pike.

W. D. Land, farmer, Walnut Gill.

J. W. Smith, farmer, Georgetown pike.

Horace H. Wilson, garage proprietor, 416 Linden Walk.

John Calhoun, farmer, Georgetown pike.

J. J. Shropshire, merchant, 521 East Main street.

Peter G. Powell, insurance agent, 223 North Broadway.

H. C. Cassidy, farmer, Richmond pike.

R. E. Hughes, salesman, 463 West Main street.

Richard Steele, farmer, Frankfort pike.

Winchester, Ky., Dec. 12—After more than six hours had been spent in the selection of a jury to decide his fate, Scobee Hardman stood before the judge's bench in the Clark county court house Monday afternoon at five o'clock and heard the reading of the indictment, which charges him with the premeditated murder of Leon Renaker, wealthy commission merchant, with head thrown back and without batting an eye, as calm throughout the dramatic scene which closed the first day's trial of his case as a statue in a storm.

To all three of the charges made, murder, conspiracy to murder and murder through conspiracy, Judge James G. Denny, of Lexington, one of his

attorneys, answered "not guilty."

Before the plea was entered Mrs. Nancy Catherine Renaker, widow of the slain man, who also was named in the indictment charged with having planned with Hardman, the death of her husband, had left the courtroom.

Reese Fox, running mate of Hardman, also accused as an accomplice, remained, his cheerful countenance and apparently hearty enjoyment of every minute of the trial upon whose result his own acquittal or conviction is believed to result, in striking contrast to the stern demeanor of the stoic which Hardman represented.

Eight veniremen who failed to answer when their names were called were fined \$25 each by Judge Shackelford. They were George Carr, I. S. Bryant, Sidney Long, A. Carmichael, D. C. Cruise, Fred Cornett, Ernest Hill and L. C. Agee.

The jurors, Judge Shackelford announced, will not be permitted to attend moving picture theatres or to read any newspapers not censored by the court or to receive any letters or communications not censored.

While no announcement was made by the attorneys as to what plan will be followed in conducting the case, the bulk of the questioning for the commonwealth Monday was done by Commonwealth Attorney Maury Kemper, of Lexington. Mr. Kemper, Commonwealth Attorney W. J. Baxter and County Attorney Herbert Moore, of Clark county, will represent the commonwealth. Wallace Muir, of Lexington, acted the greater part of the time Monday as the spokesman for the defense. Judge James G. Denny, of Lexington, and G. F. Wycoff and Smith Hays, Sr., also represent the defense.

Thirty-two Clark county jurors were questioned and dismissed, before those called from Fayette county were summoned. Three of these men were related to Reese Fox and two others were distant relatives of Mrs. Nancy Catherine Renaker, who is the daughter of Charles Quisenberry.

The other Clark county men summoned admitted, without delay, that they had both formed and expressed an opinion.

Interrogating the Clark county men himself for the sake of saving time, Judge Shackelford at one time taking cognizance of the speed with which the men were declaring they had made up their minds, declared that he didn't know whether a man living in Clark county, where the Renaker case had been so much talked of, who hadn't expressed an opinion or formed one, had sense enough to sit on a jury.

A ripple of laughter followed this comment and Judge Shackelford beat his gavel and roared: "Order in the courtroom."

He then declared that there wasn't anything funny happening, nothing funny was going to happen, that the court declined to permit anybody to be amused at a trial in which one man's life and another man's death were at stake, and he would have no more laughter.

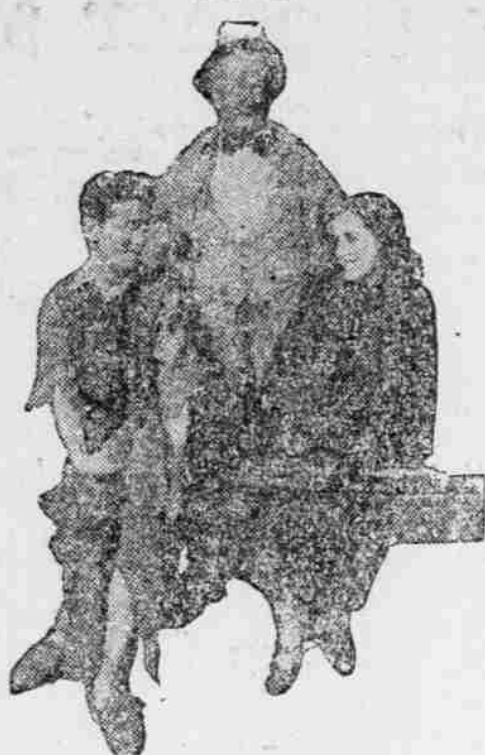
During the preliminaries of the trial Judge Shackelford admonished representatives of the press to get a "straight and dignified story" of the murder trial. He added that the trial differed little from the scores of other homicides he had tried, and that sensational stories of the case were not necessary. He pledged the co-operation of the court in affording the press representatives every convenience, and asked their co-operation with the court.

Prisoner Called Menace  
To Inmates' Health Freed

Frankfort, Dec. 11.—Because, he said, the prisoner is afflicted with tuberculosis of the spine, and physicians declare his presence is detrimental to the health of 38 other prisoners confined with him Governor Morrow has remitted the jail sentence and fine of Crater Earles, convicted of selling liquor in Knox county and sentenced to sixty days in jail and fined \$300.

MRS. S. W. FIFE and her splendid committee will have all kinds of delicious candies at the Baptist bazaar at Masonic Temple Saturday and are now taking orders.

## "LITTLE SHEPHERD OF KINGDOM COME"



"The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," dramatized by Sidney Toler, from the famous novel by John Fox, Jr., will be presented at the Normal School auditorium December 14. The company will give only one performance and it is a rare opportunity to see this delightful story played by a cast of 10 members, who are excellent in their roles, and Jack, played by himself. Jack is one of the most beautiful big shepherd dogs on the stage. He is well trained and lends a most artistic touch to this story of the Kentucky mountains.

The characters are portrayed naturally and can be readily appreciated by all who know and love the native life of our own mountains. The little mountain girl, played by Janet Cameron, is dear and all the more attractive after getting her education at Richmond.

Chad, the "Little Shepherd," as portrayed by John Clayton, would have met with Mr. Fox's hearty approval of his greatly loved character, the boy who had wandered from door to door since early childhood, seeking shelter from kindly mountaineers, who gladly fathered and mothered this waif, about whom there was a mystery.

Lester Howard as Squire Middleton, is one of the best comedians on the stage and he does a splendid piece of work in this production. Eugene LaRue, as Major Buford, is fine as is the entire cast.

"Missing Husbands" Is  
Famous French Novel

"Missing Husbands," a Metro special feature, is to be the main feature of an attractive program at the local theatres Wednesday. This unusual drama has been elaborately adapted from the sensational novel, "L'Atlantide," by that master of French fiction, Pierre Benoit. It has been the sensation of Europe for some time past.

A woman, as beautiful as Mona Lisa and as compelling in charm as Cleopatra, is found in the character of Antinea, queen of an oasis kingdom in the Sahara, who played with men's hearts as she toyed with the tropical flowers that grew within her gardens. Two explorers of the French army meet her and she falls in love with one, who repulses her advances. The other insanely jealous, kills his comrade, only to find that his love for Antinea is dead. He attempts to kill her and then flees to the desert. After being found and again declared fit for service, he, with two brother officers, set out on a sandy trail to find the desert queen, whom he realizes he loves and cannot forget.

A Good Move In Clark  
(By Associated Press)

Winchester, Ky., Dec. 12—The local Chamber of Commerce will act as an exchange for settings of purebred hen eggs in a movement to standardize production of poultry in Clark county, it is announced by Secretary-Manager E. G. Kingsbury. Eggs will be obtained from the University of Kentucky farms and distributed to the farmers at the cost price. Eggs of any standard breed desired by the poultry raiser will be provided.

Dr. Henry Orendorf, aged 83, died in Lexington. He practiced medicine in Louisville for fifty years.

## WON'T CHANGE THE TIME OF MAIL

Postoffice Superintendent Tells  
Why Mail From North Must  
Come on Train No. 35.

Letters have been received here from Superintendent Bird, of the Postoffice department, telling why early mail for Richmond and other Madison county points coming from the north cannot well be changed from Train 35 to Train 33. The letter is self explanatory:

My dear sir:—I am in receipt of a numerous signed petition addressed to Post Office Department, D. C., under date of November 26, 1922, bearing your indorsement, in which request is made for the restoration of mail service in train 33.

Under the new time schedule 33 departs from Cincinnati 7:00 a. m., while train 35 leaves this point at 8:35 a. m. While the earlier departure of train 33 that train would fail to receive seven of the most important connections at Cincinnati, rendering service therein of less value than in train 35. It was deemed advisable to transfer the mail service from train 33 to train 35 in order to obtain the maximum results from a service standpoint. The only mails that train 33 would carry would be mails accumulating in the Cincinnati postoffice from 8:00 p. m. to 7:40 a. m. The important mail trains arriving at Cincinnati in the morning and carrying mails originating at points in the north and east, would not connect with train 33 and would necessarily be delayed one business day.

I believe that you can realize the importance of having mail service in train 35 rather than in train 33 and will explain the situation to patrons of your office.

Should the L. & N. R. R. Co. change the leaving time of train 33 so as to permit all connections being received from morning trains centering at this point, consideration will be given to transferring the mail service to train 33.

Very respectfully,  
R. N. BIRD, Supt.

Husband and Wife Are  
Slain In Indiana  
(By Associated Press)

Middletown, Ind., Dec. 12—William Shaffer, 35, farmer, and his wife were found murdered here today. The woman's head was severed, presumably with an axe, and Shaffer's head was split open. The bodies were found by a party of passing farmers. The woman was in a bed and her husband in the barn. Their four year old girl was uninjured, but is suffering from exposure and lack of food, and was unable to give any details of the tragedy. It is believed the couple had been dead several days.

Haselden for Second Place

Through his friends in various parts of the state, Senator Joe Haselden, who operates Crab Orchard Springs, is getting a strong play for the republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor. He is a business man and occupies a strategic geographic position that hardly will be overlooked by the "hand-pickers" in making up the state ticket. If nominated, Senator Haselden, being a holdover, would have nothing to lose in any event.—Louisville Times.

NORMAL FARM TO SELL  
ON DECEMBER 30th

The Normal School farm on the Barnes Mill pike will be offered at Public Sale on the premises at 11 o'clock a. m., December 30th. Full description and other details will appear in this paper at an early date. For advance information see T. J. Coates, Paul Burnam or F. C. Centry.

I HAVE five or six young game roosters I want good homes for about a year; will pay well to anyone having about a dozen hens who is willing to eat his shanghai rooster and keep my game rooster for me. Ben Leavell at Roberts' livery stable. 28 tf

RUN of Mine coal, 60 per cent egg and block, while it lasts \$9 delivered in cellar from Gordon's, phone 28. 292 tf

Weather Forecast  
Fair with cold wave tonight;  
Wednesday fair, continued cold.

Tuesday's Livestock Markets  
Louisville, Dec. 12—Cattle 400 slow and unchanged; hogs 1,600, 25c lower, tops \$8.50; sheep 100, steady and unchanged.

Cincinnati, Dec. 12—Hogs 5,000; heavies, packers, mediums, lights and pigs \$8.50; sows \$7; stags \$5.50; 400 cattle, steady; calves \$6 to \$11.50; sheep \$4 to \$6; lambs \$5, \$9 to \$14. Chicago 57,000 hogs, \$8.35; 15,000 cattle.

## MAIL YOUR XMAS PRESENTS EARLY

Postmaster Robert R. Burnam, Jr., is urging all to do their Christmas mailing early. The last few days before Christmas it seems that every one has a bundle or two to mail and then the rushall comes at once. By getting Christmas presents in the mail early, delivery on time is assured and the overworked postal clerks are enabled to handle business much better. Mr. Burnam has received a number of very appropriate verses on this subject which will be read with interest:

The After-Christmas Greeting  
Of all the words to make you pensive, the worst are these: "Gift not received."

Listen, Girls—  
'Tis sweet to love, but don't you hate to get his present two days late!

Listen, Boys—  
If you've a special Christmas message for your girlie, say it with anything you like—but say it early.

Woman Wins Damage  
Suit From Governor

Oxford, Miss., Dec. 12—A verdict for the defendant was returned at 6:08 o'clock Monday night in the suit for \$100,000 damages instituted by Miss Frances Birkhead, stenographer, against Governor Lee M. Russell, based on charges of seduction and other allegations.

Daugherty Impeachment  
Hearing To Proceed  
(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 12—After an hour and a half of wrangling the House judiciary committee today voted to proceed with the hearing of the impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty in the manner insisted upon by Representative Keller, republican of Minnesota, who brought the charges.

Collins Won't Discuss  
Plans To Get Ballard  
(By Associated Press)

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 12—Prohibition Director Sam Collins declined today to discuss published report that 500 federal agents with bombing planes and machine guns would go into the mountains of Menifee county to storm the stronghold of Bob Ballard's band of moonshiners, charged with killing two federal prohibition agents a few days ago.

John Wanamaker Dead  
(By Associated Press)

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12—John Wanamaker, 84, died early today. He was a world famous merchant and former Postmaster General. He had been confined to his home here since early in November with a heavy cold. He is survived by a son, Rodman, of New York, and two daughters who reside here.

Marcum Surrenders At Harlan

Harlan, Ky., Dec. 12—John Marcum, former reformatory guard, is out on \$5,000 bond today after surrender here on an indictment charging complicity in the murder of Miss Lura Parsons. Marcum arrived here late last night accompanied by an attorney. He declined to discuss the case. Efforts to locate James Robinson, also indicted in connection with the Parsons murder, are being continued.

It became known today that an unknown white man was killed at the South Cynthia crossing Sunday by L. & N. train number 33. The body was mangled so that identification was impossible.

## Love Won Out



Hon. Alexandra Checkley, daughter of Viscount Knollys and god-daughter of Queen Mother Alexandra, has just become the bride of Richard H. Checkley, a clerk in a London tobacco store. She met him while serving as a nurse in France during the war.

## RED HOGS BRED BY TURLEY SELL WELL

County Clerk W. B. Turley, local breeder of registered Kentucky Red Berkshire hogs, has made some nice sales of his breed within the last few days. These hogs are becoming more and more popular and continue to spread over the country. Orders have been received by Mr. Turley from various points over the United States. The last few sales made by him are as follows:

One boar to Burton Roberts, of Richmond; one boar to Tom Crawford, of Austerlitz; one boar to Alex McMillan of Knoxville, Tenn.; one boar to R. T. Bruce, of Stanford; one boar to R. T. Hayes, of Cammack, Ga.; one boar to J. G. Burnside, of Lancaster; one pair to C. H. Hancock, of Doerun, Ga.; one boar to H. K. Christenberry, of Knoxville, Tenn.; three sows to Roy Rembe, of Brimgher, Ia., and one boar to E. V. Rembe, of Brimgher, Ia.

## BURLEY PRICE FOR NOVEMBER \$25.83

The report of sales of burley tobacco as shown by the monthly report of all warehouses in Kentucky for November to W. C. Hanna, Commissioner of Agriculture, shows:

Burley tobacco sold for growers, 3,214,737 pounds for \$836,610.33, average \$25.71. Burley tobacco sold for dealers, 449,365 pounds for \$113,776.21, average \$25.29. Burley tobacco resale 152,196 pounds, for \$35,519.24, average \$23.34. Total burley and average 3,816,298 pounds, for \$983,905.83, average \$25.83.

## HEARD ABOUT TOWN

At Lexington John B. Perkins, 23 years old, white, shot and seriously wounded Tom Offit, 24 years old, white, while the latter was in Perkins' restaurant at 607 South Broadway. Perkins claims self defense.

The Irvine Tribune had this of interest here: Coleman Benton accompanied by Dr. Broadbush, was taken to a hospital in Lexington he will rapidly regain his health. Mr. Benton has been seriously sick for some time but became better and was out for a few days but he again took worse and it was thought best to take him to a hospital until he completely recovered. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Rupert, former residents of Irvine who have been patients in Zanesville, Ohio, hospital, resumed their journey the first of the week to their new home in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Rupert were badly hurt in an automobile wreck several weeks ago and have been in the hospital at Zanesville where at first it was thought the wounds might prove serious, but we are glad to say both are now well on their way to complete recovery.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS WHEN IN LEXINGTON

Are invited to take lunch with us. Situated in the heart of the shopping district we are prepared to serve you promptly, and at sane prices. We serve a special lunch daily from 11:30 to 2:30 p. m. that cannot be duplicated elsewhere in Lexington for twice the money. All other hours we serve sandwiches, beaten biscuits, salads, hot chocolate, coffee.

We carry a line of package candy that will appeal to you. Such well known brands as "Apollo," "Mav's" and "Belle-Camp" will be found here. In addition to these lines we have our own Home Made Candy, which is made of the best material money can buy. Mail orders for candy will receive our best attention.

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## MUST TAKE PUBLIC INTO CONFIDENCE

To Achieve Surest Success, Manning Tells Public Utilities Convention

(Associated Press)

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 12—The public must be taken into the confidence of the operators of the public utilities and the owners must learn that the only way to succeed is to serve, Charles W. Manning, Lexington banker, declared here today in an address before the annual meeting of the Kentucky Association of Public Utilities. Mr. Manning said that the operator who would aspire to be the greatest among operators must learn to be the servant of all.

"Take the public into your confidence; invite them to be your partners; do not resist intelligence, well informed and wise regulation and seek to extend the scope and to improve the quality of your service," declared Mr. Manning. "All you ask in return is that you may not be so restricted and hampered as to defeat the ends and objects of your existence—to do the greatest good to the greatest number."

Co-operation is the formula for the cure of many ills, according to Mr. Manning, and it will solve most of the operators' problems. Mr. Manning declared that he rejoiced in the better understanding between the public and the owners and managers of the utilities serving the public.

"I rejoice in the growing appreciation that good service not only demands the proper attitude towards the public on the part of those who control the utilities, but also fair and liberal treatment of the utilities by the public, to the end that they may have ability as well as the disposition to serve. I rejoice in their great accomplishments of the past, in their steady progress and secure position in the present and in the still more wonderful possibilities of the future," he said.

"It has been said that in the past the progress of the United States has been due to the abundance of our raw materials, but in the future America's rate of advance will depend upon the mentality of her people. I am more inclined to believe in the prophecy than in the accuracy of the history contained in this statement; and if the prophecy is to be verified, you men, and men like you, will deserve a great part of the credit for America's future greatness."

## CUZICK

School is progressing nicely. Miss Lucy Roberts, of Richmond, spent Sunday with Texie Benton.

Miss Bonnie Reece and Miss Shaffer Stanford spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Grigg.

Mr. N. Z. Howard is very ill with cancer at his home.

Mr. Harry Flannery and Geneva Flannery, and Irene and Henrietta, of Versailles, have been spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Edgar Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Gullet are the proud parents of a fine baby girl.

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